finance through the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) and other recognised institutions nominated by the respective State/UT Government for viable income generating Project(s)/Scheme(s) to the Scheduled Tribes having annual family income upto double the poverty line (target group).

(b) NSTFDC has not received any proposal from Adivasi Vikas Parishad.

(c) to (e) The National Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) the combined corporation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has adopted upper limit of Rs. 30.00 lakhs as cost of Projects/Schemes per unit/profit centre.

The National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) has been incorporated in April-2001. The Board of Directors of the newly constituted NSTFDC decided to keep the upper limit of Project(s)/ Scheme(s) costing upto Rs. 10.00 lakhs per unit/profit center keeping view (a) the guidelines issued earlier by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to its Apex Corporations (including NSFDC) for keeping, an upper limit of Rs. 5.00 lakhs (b) limits fixed by other corporations such as National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation at Rs. 5.00 lakhs (c) the target Scheduled Tribe families having annual family income only upto Double the Poverty Line (DPL) Income Limit.

Progress of schemes in tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh

2248. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various programmes/schemes in operation in tribal areas, particularly in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the progress made under each programme/scheme during the Ninth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) The details of various programmes/schemes in operation throughout the country including Madhya Pradesh is available in the Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) A Statement showing funds released under various programmes/ schemes in Madhya Pradesh during the Ninth Plan is given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

Schemes/Programmes implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes

1. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan. (Central Sector Scheme)

The main instrument of achieving Constitutional objectives of welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes is the Tribal Sub-plan which is implemented through 194 Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPs), 259 pockets of Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) and 82 Clusters in 23 Tribal Sub-Plan State/Union Territories.

Special Central Assistance is an important component of flow of funds for Tribal for Sub-Plan that is made available to State on the basis of a set criteria. The Special Central Assistant (SCA) is given by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to the 20 Tribal Sub-Plan States/UT Administrations including North Eastern States of Assam, Manipur and Tripura as an additive to their own outlay to fill in the gaps. These grants are basically meant for family oriented income generating schemes in the sectors of agriculture, horticulture, minor irrigation, soil conservation, animal husbandry, forests, education, cooperatives, fisheries, village and small scale industries and minimum needs programme. SCA is to be utilized in conjunction with TSP flow to meet the gaps which have not otherwise been taken care of by the State Plan.

2. Grants under First Proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provide grants to 18 Tribal Sub-Plan and 4 tribal majority States under Firts Proviso to article 275(1) of the Constitution to meet the cost of such projects for tribal development as may be undertaken by the State Governments for raising the level of administration of the Scheduled Areas therein to that of the rest of the State.

3. Girls Hostels for Scheduled Tribes. (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)

The Scheme of Girls Hostels is a useful instrument for spreading education among ST Girls, under the scheme, Central assistance is given to States/UTs for construction of new hostel huildings and/or extension of existing hostels. This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme where the cost of the construction of the hostels, building and/or extension of existing hostels, and the cost is equally shared between the Centre and the State in ratio of 50 : 50. In case of UTs, the Central Government bears the entire cost of the building, maintenance of the hostel is the responsibility of the concerned States/UTs.

4. Boys Hostels for Scheduled Tribes. (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)

The objective, terms and conditions as well as the pattern of assistance of this Scheme are same as that of the scheme for Girls Hostels.

5. Establishment of Ashram School in Tribal Sub-Plan Area. (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)

The Scheme of Ashram School was launched in 1990-91 with the objective to extend educational facilities like establishment of residential schools for STs in an environment conducive to learning. The funding for the Scheme with the State is done on matching (50:50) basis, while cent per cent assistance is given to UTs.

The central assistance is mainly for construction of Ashram School buildings, hostels and staff quarters. The expenditure on the maintenance is met by the concerned State/UT. The scheme covers primary, secondary and senior secondary level of education.

6. Grant in aid for Voluntary Organisation working for the welfare of STs. (Central Sector Scheme)

Numerous important projects are being implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs through voluntary organizations which are working for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes. A wide spectrum of projects, which are of direct benefit to the tribals are considered under this scheme. The projects include residential schools, hostels, medical mobile dispensaries, computer training units, shorthand and typing training units, Balwadies/creches (in areas not covered by the ICDS programme) libraries and audio-visual units for dissemination of vital information relevant to the welfare of Scheduled Tribes. The grant is generally restricted to 90% of the approved total cost of the project, the balance 10% is borne by the voluntry organizations.

7. Research and Training

(a) Grant to Tribal Research Institute

Tribal Research Institute have been set up in 14 States. These Institutes are involved in conducting research and evaluation studies, seminars, workshops on various subjects relevant to tribals, provide training and orientation to State Government officials and to give support to State Government for preparation of Tribal Sub-Plans. Most of the Institutes are also having tribal museums for exhibition of tribal artifacts. Under the scheme, grants are given on 50 : 50 basis to States for running and maintaining these Institutes.

(b) Supporting Project of All-India or Inter-State nature (Scheduled Tribes)

The scheme relating to grant for research and evaluation projects. Grants up to Rs. 2.50 lakhs per project for period of 8-12 months are given to Non-Governmental Organizations, Government institutions and Universities who conduct research/evaluation studies.

(c) Award of Research Fellowship in various aspects of Tribal Development (Doctoral/Post Doctoral Fellowship)

Grants are given for Research Fellowship on 100% basis to students/ scholars, who are registered with a University for working on tribal development programmes/problems. The rates of fellowship for doctoral and post doctoral courses are Rs. 2800/- and Rs. 3200/- per month respectively. In addition an annual contingency grant of Rs. 10000/- is allowed.

8. Share Capital Contribution to TRIFED

Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) was set up by the Government of India, in the year 1987, with the prime objective of providing marketing assistance and remunerative prices to Scheduled Tribes Communities for their minor forest produce and surplus agricultural produce and to wean them away from exploitative private traders and middlemen.

The authorized share capital of TRIFED is Rs. 100.00 crores and the paid up capital has gone upto Rs. 99.73 crores out of which Government of India's contribution is Rs. 99.50 crores.

9. Price Support to TRIFED

The price of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and Surplus Agriculture Produce (SAP) are subject to fluctuations. For meeting the unforeseen contingencies of losses because of such fluctuations in the prices and ensure remunerative prices to the tribal farmers for their produce, the Ministry has been giving financial Assistance to the TRIFED to set off part of such losses.

10. Grant in aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce

Minor Forest Produce (MFP) is an important source of earning for tribals. Most of the States have set up Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations, Minor Forest Produce Trade and Development Federations or Forest Development Corporation for dealing with Minor Forest Produce items. Grants given under

this Scheme can be utilized by the State for (i) strengthening the share capital base of TDCCS for increasing the volume of procurement of MFPs; (ii) constructions of scientific warehouses; (iii) establishing process industries for value addition to MFP items; and (iv) research and development activities by the Corporation.

11. Educational Compex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of ST Girls in Tribal Areas. (Central Sector Scheme)

The Scheme was introduced in 1993-94 for improving literacy among ST women in district with less than 10% literacy, and implemented through Non-Governmental Organizations/Organizations or institutes set up by Government as autonomous bodies/educational and other institutions like Local Bodies and Cooperative Societies. A total of 136 Districts of 11 States are covered under the scheme. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides full assistance for setting up of the educational complexes. A complex is meant for girls studying in class I to V with a strength of 30 girls in every class with a provision for training in craft/ vocational education. Food and lodging is free for the students. There is a provision for supply of two sets of uniforms per year per student, free periodical medical check-ups for the children and adult education for the parents of the girls in the evening. An incentive of Rs. 50 per student per month is to be paid to the partents for sending their daughters to these educational complexes.

12. Vocational Training in Tribal Areas (Central Sector Scheme)

The main aim of this scheme is to develop the skill of the tribal youth in order to gain employment/self employment opportunities. This scheme is implemented through the State Governments/UT Administrations, Institutions or Organisations set up by Government as autonomous body, educational and other institutions like local bodies and cooperative societies and Non-Governmental Organisations. Each center may cater to five vocational courses in traditional skills depending upon the employment potential of the area. Each tribal boy/girl will be trained in two trades of his/her choice, the course in each trade being for a duration of three months. Each trainee will be attached at the end of six months to a Master Craftsman in a semi-urban/urban area for a period of six months to learn his skill by practical experience. There is provision for monthly stipend and grant for raw material for the trainees.

13. Village Grain Bank (Central Sector Scheme)

As a part of Government efforts to prevent deaths of children in remote and backward tribal areas due to fall in nutrition standards, a scheme of Village

Grain Banks has been launched during 1996-97. A one time grant towards purchase of grains, at the rate of 1 quintal per family of tribals in such areas, storage facilities for the grains and purchase of weights and scales is provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs through TRIFED, as the channelising agency. The Grain Bank is to be managed by the village committee elected by the beneficiaries themselves who as members of the bank can borrow grains from the Grain Banks at the times of scarcity.

14. Development of Primitive Tribal Groups (Central Sector Scheme)

There are certain tribal communities who are having a low level of litracy, declining or stagnant population, pre-agricultural level of technology and are economically backward. 75 such groups have been identified and have been categorized as Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs). Their problems and needs are different from other Scheduled Tribes. As Primitive Tribal Groups constitute the most vulnerable among the STs, and priority needs to be accorded for their protection and development, scheme has been started during 1998-99 for their development.

Under this scheme funds are made available for those items/activities, which though very crucial for the survival, protection and development of PTGs are not catered to by any existing scheme.

***15. Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribes Students (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)**

The objective of the scheme is to provide fianancial assistance to students belonging to Scheduled Tribes pursuing post-Matriculation recognized courses in recognized institutions. The scheme covers professional, technical as well as non-professional and non-technical courses at various levels and the scheme also includes correspondence courses including distance and continuing education. The scheme is implemented by the State Governments and UT Administrations, which receive 100% Central assistance over and above the committed liability which is required to be borne by them from their own budgetary provisions. The committed liability is equal to the expenditure reached in the last year of the preceding Plan period. The requirement of committed liability of North Eastern States has been dispensed with from 1997-98.

The value of the existing scholarship includes maintenance allowance, reader charges for blind students, study tour charges, thesis typing/printing charges, book allowance to students pursuing correspondence courses and compulsory non-refundable fees charged by the educational institutions.

***16. National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Tribes (Non-Plan)**

The Scheme provides for financial assistance to meritorious students for pursuing higher studies abroad in specified fields of Master level courses, Ph.D and Post Doctoral research programmes, in the field of Engineering, Technology and Science for Scheduled Tribes, Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic tribes. The selected candidates are provided the cost of tuition and other educational fees charged by the foreign University etc., maintenance and other grants along with travel expenses. In addition passage grants are also available to candidates belonging to ST. who are in receipt of merit scholarship for post graduate studies, research or training abroad (excluding attending seminars, workshops, conferences) from a foreign government/organization or under any other scheme where cost of passage is not provided.

17. Grants under second proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution (Non-Plan)

Fixed grant is given to the Government of Assam in respect of the administration of tribal areas in Hill districts of North Cachar and Karbi Anglong.

***18. Coaching & Allied Scheme for STs (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)**

Under the scheme, free coaching facilities are provided to ST students through Pre-Examination training centres, to help them to compete in various competitive examinations having all-India recruitment character. The Pre-Examination Training course for STs run by State Government/Universities/ Private Coaching Institutes will be eligible for assistance under the scheme. The scheme provides for stipends upto Rs. 500/- per month to the outstation students and Rs. 150/- per month for local students for taking coaching at the pre-examination training centres.

***19. Up gradation of Merit of ST Students (Central Sector Scheme)**

The objective of the scheme is to upgrade the merit of ST students by providing them remedial and special coaching in classes IX to XII. While the remedical coaching aims at removing deficiencies in various subjects, the special coaching is provided with a view to prepare the students for competitive examinations for seeking entry into professional courses like Engineering and Medical disciplines. The scheme provides for 100% central assistance to the States/UT's. A package grant of Rs. 15,000/- per student per year is provided and the State/UT's are not required to bear any financial burden.

***20. Book Bank for Scheduled Tribes Students (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)**

The objective of the scheme is to provide books to deserving ST students pursuing Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Polytechnics, Law, Chartered Accountancy, MBA and Bio-Science courses. The scheme provides for sharing of text-books by two students in respect of graduate level courses and separate set of books is provided to individual students at Post-Graduate level and for those pursuing Chartered Accountancy course. The Scheme is implemented by the States/UT's and the expenditure on the scheme is co-shared on 50 : 50 basis between the Centre and the State Governments. The U.T. administrations receive 100% Central Assistance.

***21. State Tribal Development Finance Corporation**

State Tribal Development Finance Corporation act as guarantors and promoters providing margin money loans and subsidy to the target groups. They play useful role in the mobilisation of finances for economic development of Scheduled Tribe living below the poverty line. The State Corporations mainly take up employment oriented schemes in the areas of (i) Agriculture and allied sector, (ii) Minor Irrigation, (iii) Trades and Services, (iv) Transport and (v) Self-Employment schemes.

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*The schemes were being operated both for SCs and STs by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. With the creation of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, funds have been earmarked separately for the Ministry under these schemes from the year 2000-2001.

STATEMENT

Funds released under the Schemes of M/Tribal Affairs in Madhya Pradesh

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Scheme/Year	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Special Central Assistance to TSP	9207.83	9476.17	9797.15	6257.12	5222.14
2.	Grant Under Article 275(1) of the Constitution	1262.50	2125.00	2250.96	2057.84	2578.93

1	2		3	4	5	6	7
3.	Girls Hostel		—	100.00	—	44.80	—
4.	Boys Hostel		—	100.00	—	—	—
5.	Educational Complex		50.20	39.57	60.65	35.70	—
6.	Vocational Training Centre	State	—	109.50	—	—	—
		NGO	—	—	24.06	17.73	—
7.	Ashram Schools		—	100.21	—	—	—
8.	Res. & Trg. (TRIs)		49.96	49.39	2.62	32.37	—
9.	Grant-in-aid to State TDCCs		200.00	255.00	—	—	—
10.	Village Grain Bank		56.96	—	—	—	78.82
11.	Development of Primitive Tribal Groups	State	—	100.00	132.00	108.00	—
		NGO	—	—	3.88	17.73	—
12.	State Tribal Development Finance		—	—	—	—	—
13.	Post Matric Scholarship		—	—	—	—	—
14.	Grant-in-aid to Vol. Organisations		7.99	23.80	63.99	5.51	30.64

*Up to 31-10-2001

Progress of welfare programmes run by NGOs in NER

2249. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the allocations made and utilization status in the NER indicating the progress made on execution of welfare programmes by NGOs during the last three years scheme-wise and State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : The Ministry has funded various NGOs for taking up welfare programmes for the socio-economic and educational development of the Scheduled Tribes. The allocations made to the NGOs during the last three years is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). As regards the progress of execution of welfare programmes, continuation of funding is based on the Inspection Reports from